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Post pulls plug on car phones

*Handheld electronic devices
prohibited behind the wheel*

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Keep your eyes on the road and your hands on the wheel.

That is what Redstone hopes to accomplish by banning the use of most wireless communications while driving on the

installation.

Col. Bob Devlin, Garrison commander, has signed a new garrison policy that restricts the use of wireless communications. It goes into effect June 21.

Specifically, most drivers on Redstone Arsenal will not be able to use cell phones, and handheld electronic devices such as a personal data assistants and global positioning systems, while operating a moving vehicle. Use of hands-free devices will continue to be allowed.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

NO WAY— Most Redstone motorists are now prohibited from using cell phones while driving.

The policy is a measure to continue safe driving on the installation.

"To date, we know of no vehicle accidents on post directly related to the use of cell phones or other wireless devices, and we intend to keep it that way," Devlin said.

If a driver is found operating a wireless communication device while driving, he or she could be issued a traffic citation and after a certain number of citations potentially lose driving privileges on post.

Gate guards will check for wireless use as individuals enter the installation and installation police will check for wireless use as well as seatbelts, proper insurance, sobriety and appropriate vehicle decals during routine checkpoints throughout the installation.

A fatal two-vehicle accident March 16 on Patton Road outside of Gate 10 heightened Redstone's awareness of how dangerous cell phone usage could be. Authorities said Rosie Shana Carthen of Huntsville was apparently using a cell phone when she lost control of her vehicle, causing a head-on collision which killed her, her 1-year-old son Jason Tyshon Hyter and the other driver, Redstone worker Roosevelt Readus.

"The fact is that an individual cannot properly concentrate on the road if they are distracted by dialing a number, or scheduling an appointment," Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander of Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, said. "No phone call is so important that you should risk your life or the life of someone else."

Emergency responders, such as law enforcement and fire protection personnel and other specifically authorized individuals, will be able to continue using wireless devices.

Uniform policy adopted for Redstone Soldiers

*Servicemembers get orders
on proper military wear*

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Soldiers should wear civilian attire while participating in leisure activities off post, according to a newly-signed policy.

Garrison commander Col. Bob Devlin signed policy 670-1, titled "Proper Wear of Military Uniforms," on June 8. It applies to all active duty, Army National Guard and Reserve Soldiers assigned or attached to Redstone Arsenal.

"The duty uniform is authorized for short-term activities such as commuting

between RSA and home and stopping at convenient stores for gas and necessary items only," the policy states in part. "The duty uniform may be worn when going to retailers for local purchase items needed for official military business.

The duty uniform may also be worn when going to medical appointments with a referral from Fox Army Health Center.

"Soldiers may wear the duty uniform while visiting off-post eating establishments during lunch time, but will not consume alcohol while in uniform. Soldiers will not visit off-post drinking establishments (defined as a business whose primary source of income is the sale of alcoholic beverages, i.e. bars or clubs) while in duty uniform.

"Wearing the duty uniform off-post is prohibited when wearing the uniform would bring discredit upon the Army or is inappropriate, such as loitering in video arcades, attending movie theaters, doing extended

'Our goal is to portray the Army in a positive way.'

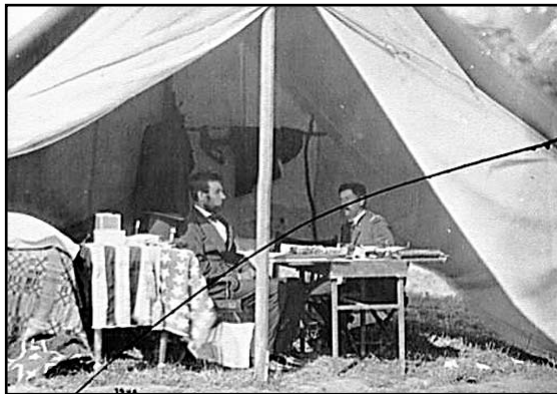
— Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Gerecht
Garrison command sergeant major

shopping in malls or other retail stores, and for any other recreational or leisure pursuits. Civilian clothing is the proper attire for leisure activities," the policy states.

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Note flag in famous photo

I just read the flag article in the June 2 issue of the *Redstone Rocket*. The article states, "Most people know not to use the flag to make clothing or as table coverings or as a costume." I wanted to pass along a very famous photo. The photo was taken in 1862 after the Civil War battle of Antietam. The battle of Antietam claimed more than 23,000 men killed, wounded, and missing in one single day, Sept. 17, 1862. In the photo you see President Lincoln and General George B. McClellan. What most people don't notice is what is being used as a table cloth; it is Old Glory. Soldiers died in record numbers in battle defending the flag. Casualty rates were highest among



the color guards who carried the flag in battle. Yet after the killing was over, the flag was used as a table cloth.

Ron Bednarczyk
RD&E Center

Tribute to World War II veterans

As the world commemorates the 60th anniversary of the Allied landing at Normandy, France on June 6, 1944, one cannot help but reflect on the indomitable courage, bravery, selfless service and esprit de corps of the American World War II veterans and the endurance of their families to fight tyranny, totalitarianism, imperialism and militarism of Germany under Hitler and Japan under Emperor Hirohito respectively.

We should always honor a generation of Americans who served this country during a time of peril six decades ago by going overseas to defend freedom and liberate the oppressed worldwide. Not only did these American WWII veterans provide a blanket of protection and security, they also provided a framework of opportunities and rebuilding in war-torn nations that resulted in prosperity for America and other free nations through commerce, mutual understanding and respect. Moreover, the American WWII veterans paved the way for a better life for future generations in America and elsewhere, and set up an example how to live by the spirit of their Honor Code and ultimate system of trust, the cornerstone of a civil society.

Retired Lt. Gen. Hollingsworth once said to the cadet corps during an awards ceremony at the University of Texas at Arlington that during WWII, command-

ers could trust the words of Soldiers who were formerly farmers by trade because farmers displayed the importance of character through hard work and linked their words to their personal reputation. Thus, commanders and their chain of command in WWII could rely on farmer-Soldiers' reports to make decisions for the next proper course of action without worrying about euphemism, embellishment or politically correct statements that seem to be adopted by car salespersons, news media and some politicians nowadays.

As beneficiaries of the sacrifice and service by the American WWII veterans, my mother (whose constant crying upon boarding a boat as a newborn baby in 1937 during a family escape from the approaching Japanese troops in Canton, China, caused my grandparents to abort the boat ride and go ashore with four of my mother's siblings minutes before a Japanese plane scored a direct hit on the same boat with other unarmed passengers onboard) and my father (who survived strafing by a Japanese plane when he was an unarmed young boy) join me to pay our highest respect and gratitude to their liberators, especially those who served with the Flying Tigers, and the rest of the mighty American WWII veterans! Hoo-ah!

John Yim

Time well spent online

I have worked on Redstone Arsenal in the Quality Institute and the Learning Resource Center as a contractor for almost 13 years. In 1997 under the heading of "other duties as assigned," I was tasked to put together a training program to teach people how to use their computers and Microsoft Office 95. That started a journey for me that I had no idea would last so long and I never thought I could learn so much.

Unfortunately nothing lasts forever. There are many changes happening within AMCOM and Redstone. With all the change, an opportunity opened for me and

I decided to take it. Effective June 14, I am no longer part of the AMCOM Learning Resource Center or Team Redstone's go-to person for Microsoft Office questions or problems. My support will be limited to the Acquisition Center.

I have enjoyed the past seven years showing people how to use their computers, helping them become smarter and making work easier. I would like to say thank you to all of you who came to my classes over the years. I hope the time was well spent. It was for me.

Chris B. Miller

Tee up your concerns to council

Retired military golfers: I am one of your two representatives on the Redstone Golf Course Advisory Council. It is now June and we are into the full swing of the golf season with many physical and operational changes having taken place at the golf course. One seemingly positive initiative in April was re-establishing the Golf Council. We have had one council meeting in April for which the minutes have yet to be published. Genuine leadership, interest, concern, participation and understanding on the council and management's part is imperative if this council is to succeed and be the asset that it is intended to be. Has history taught us a lesson yet?

Several members have approached me with questions regarding golf course decisions from a council perspective. The June 2 *Redstone Rocket* included a very interesting letter on Morale Welfare and Recreation Month. In this letter, General Pillsbury talked to MWR programs helping to

sustain Soldiers', civilians', retirees' and families' morale and well being. He encourages us to look into the rewards and fantastic incentives to joining and participating in these activities. He also states that every dollar spent at Redstone Arsenal stays on the Arsenal and is used to improve the well being programs, facilities and services for all Team Redstone Soldiers, civilians, contractors, retirees and their families. The golf course is an MWR activity established many years ago supposedly for our benefit as alluded to in General Pillsbury's message. In order to represent your concerns, I am interested in your input regarding the morale, well being, rewards and incentives at the Redstone Golf Course. Please e-mail me at mikemcguire35824@yahoo.com with your specific comments and concerns to be brought before the council.

Mike McGuire
retired colonel

Relating more about faith

Spc. Lisa Yancey's letter, titled "Another side of marriage rights" in the June 9 *Rocket*, contained a comment about the Bible that seems misleading or incomplete. She states that the Bible includes references to or stories about gays and lesbians. Yes, it does in stories like destroying Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19). Leviticus 18:22 makes it very clear how God feels about homosexuality: "Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable." In the New Testament, this is reiterated in Romans 1:26-27: "Because of this, God gave them

over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion."

Everyone sins (Romans 3:23), but fortunately as Spc. Yancey points out salvation is offered to all by God's grace though faith in Jesus (Romans 3:24-26).

Breck Kelley

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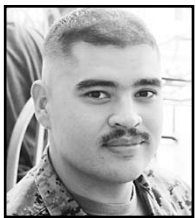
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An open lane random survey

What makes your father special?

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Sgt. Frank Zepeta
"He's been there for me whenever I have needed him."



Phillips Laboy
retiree
"He's a retired veteran who spent 25 years in the military. Now he's retired from 23 years of civil service. He's always been here for fatherly advice. He's supportive and has just been there for me. That's someone special."



Staff Sgt. Isaac Hernandez
Marine security, 4th Battalion
"He's my best friend."



Terry Carlson
contractor
"He instilled a strong work ethic and good moral values in all of his children."

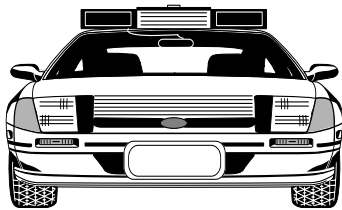
Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

The Provost Marshal Office provided the following list of reported incidents.

June 6: A Soldier and his spouse became involved in a domestic dispute which turned physical on Aerobee Road. They were transported to the Provost Marshal Office where they were processed and released. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

June 7: An individual reported that someone scratched his personal vehicle which was parked, secured and unattended at building 5300. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

June 7: A Soldier, AWOL from his North Carolina unit, surrendered at Gate 10. He was transported to the Provost Marshal Office where he was processed



and then transportation was arranged to return him to his unit.

June 8: An individual was found to be in possession of a small amount of marijuana during a vehicle inspection at Gate 10. He was issued a violation notice and released. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

June 9: An individual reported that someone scratched his personal vehicle which was parked, secured and unattended at building 3495. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

Traffic accidents reported: 3 without injuries, 1 with injuries.

Violation notices issued: 31 speeding, 1 possession of a controlled substance, 1 parking, 1 failure to utilize seatbelts and 3 failure to obey traffic control device.

Quote of the week

"I call upon the scientific community in our country, those who gave us nuclear weapons, to turn their great talents now to the cause of mankind and world peace: to give us the means of rendering these nuclear weapons impotent and obsolete."

— Ronald Reagan

Getting to know you

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Where do you call home?
Fayetteville, Tenn.

What do you like about your job?

I am fairly new to it, so learning new things. It is a numbers game and I like that. I like learning new systems and programs.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Spend time with my family: I have a 2-year-old and a 1-month-old.

What are your goals?

To continue to work up the ladder and in the near future obtain a master's degree from Florida Institute of Technology.



Pillsbury advances to major general

By SKIP VAUGHN
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A two-star flag will hang in front of the Sparkman Center from now on when the commanding general is inside.

Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal since December, received his second star in a ceremony Friday at Bob Jones Auditorium.

"This is a ceremony that should've taken place many months ago," Gen. Paul Kern, commander of Army Materiel Command, said. He joined Pillsbury's wife, Becky, in pinning on the new rank.

"This promotion is not about me," Pillsbury said. "This promotion is about all those who have helped me."

Pillsbury, 52, is from San Antonio, Texas. The 1973 ROTC graduate from Trinity University in San Antonio has a bachelor's degree in history. He received a master's in international relations in 1986



Photo by Skip Vaughn

OUCH— Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, AMCOM commander, reacts to a hard pat from his boss, Gen. Paul Kern, during Friday's pinning ceremony along with his wife, Becky.

from the Troy State extension at Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany.

At 6-foot-4 he was a reserve guard on Trinity's basketball team as a sophomore and played on the school's golf team as a junior and senior "when I found out I was too slow to play basketball," he has said.

He enjoys spending time with his family first and is an 11-handicap golfer. He and Becky, his wife of 30 years, have a son, Michael, and daughter, Katherine.

Corps of Engineers presents annual civilian awards

CORPS OF ENGINEERS RELEASE

The U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville presented awards to outstanding employees in an Engineer Day awards ceremony in June.

Distinguished Civilian Employee awards were presented to Ronald Lein, former chief of engineering of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Huntsville Engineering and Support Center. Lein's civilian career spanned 34 years and included management of programs such as the chemical weapons stockpile disposal program, the Sentinel/Safeguard missile program and the modernization and expansion of munition production facilities.

Montene Trotti received the Distinguished Civilian Employee award in recognition of outstanding contributions to Huntsville Center's contracting directorate and the Corps of Engineers. In the course of her 17-year career, she won 15 suggestion awards for innovative suggestions for improving the contracting directorate's processes. She was the administrative officer to the director of contracting at Huntsville Center at the time of her death in March 2002.

Administrative Employee of the year is Bonnie Wilson, administrative officer for Huntsville Center's

engineering directorate. Wilson manages the Leadership Development Program for Huntsville Center, a program providing a career enhancing learning experience for employees.

Mark Fleming received the Commander's Leadership award for leadership of the range and training lands program, a program supporting training of Soldiers deployed for the Global War on Terrorism.

Emily Durham won the Contracting Professional of the Year award for innovative contracting effort associated with the Army's chemical demilitarization program.

Brad McCowan was selected as the Employee of the Year. McCowan was Huntsville Center's first ordnance and explosives expert deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Huntsville Center's Engineer of the Year is Terry Stroschein. Stroschein performed extraordinary work in support of the chemical demilitarization program helping to rid the world of the Weapons of Mass Destruction stockpile.

The Captured Enemy Ammunition Team won the Team of the Year award. The team accepted the difficult challenge of managing the task of ridding the Iraqi landscape of thousands of tons of ammunition.

Dan Coberly is Huntsville Cen-



Courtesy photo

HONOREE— Ronald Lein, former chief of engineering of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Huntsville Engineering and Support Center, received a Distinguished Civilian Employee award.

ter's Volunteer of the Year. Coberly, district chairman for the Creek District of Boy Scouts of America in Madison County, holds three of Scouting's highest honors. He is a Baden-Powell Fellow, a distinguished Eagle Scout and National Regent for Life for the distinguished Eagle Scout Association.

Army engineer wearing dual hats with Alabama

Priddy selected for state post with homeland security

SMDC RELEASE

Dr. Glenn Priddy of the Space and Missile Defense Technical Center has been selected as the nation's first state-level adviser on homeland security-related science and technology issues by the Alabama Department of Homeland Security.

In his new position, Priddy is working with vendors, researchers, educators and governmental officials to devise products and programs that can be used in the United States' anti-terrorism efforts.

Priddy has said that he plans to involve research and technologies being developed in other areas of Alabama, as well as using the resources and abundance of innova-

tive programs that Huntsville has to offer, in order to apply them to homeland security.

"I'd like to establish Alabama as the nation's leader in applying scientific and technological capabilities to homeland security problems. We have a few pilot programs we are developing that could be expanded to nationwide capabilities," Priddy said.

Priddy, the associate director for space for SMDTC, will retain his job for the federal government and work through an intergovernmental personnel exchange program, according to Jim Walker, the director of the Alabama Department of Homeland Security. For the next 18 to 24 months while he serves his dual positions, he will have two offices, one at SMDC on Redstone Arsenal and the other in space provided by the University of Alabama-Huntsville at Cummings Research Park. Priddy is already collaborating with many colleges and universities to develop research programs for potential homeland

New procurement system working as intended

Findings released on yearlong study

UAH RELEASE

A new logistics philosophy intended to improve weapons system readiness while making military procurement more efficient and cost effective is accomplishing those things, according to a one-year study at the University of Alabama-Huntsville.

"The best performing organizations were the ones using performance-based logistics to enhance their systems," said Dr. David Berkowitz, director of UAH's Center for the Management of Science and Technology. "It does what it is supposed to do. We found many examples of weapons systems being better maintained with better readiness and improved availability of replacement parts."

Results of the research project were reported last month during a meeting at the Institute for Defense and Government Advancement in Arlington, Va.

The Department of Defense had commissioned 30 performance-based logistics pilot projects spread across all of the services. The UAH team evaluated half of those, while also gathering information about industry best practices from both defense contractors and non-defense-related businesses.

"We compared what was going on in the military to what was going on in industry," Berkowitz said. "Then we compiled a list of best practices for people who want to participate in PBL efforts."

Performance-based logistics shifts the military procurement away from short term transaction-based interactions to longer-term contractual mechanisms that provide incentives for service providers to provide improved services and better support the needs of Soldiers, sailors and air crews in combat.

During the meeting Berkowitz also directed a workshop on developing effective strategies for making the transition to PBL.

Under contract to the Aviation and Missile Command, follow-on research by the UAH team will focus on techniques for improving customer service and financial management.

security applications. These schools include Alabama A&M University, Auburn, Talladega College, University of Alabama-Huntsville and the entire UA system.

Gov. Bob Riley has commended the Alabama Department of Homeland Security for the appointment of Priddy to this position. "I am encouraged to have someone of his caliber helping us export the innovative homeland security products, ideas and services Alabama companies are developing today," he said.

Priddy's previous assignments include director of the Missile and Space Intelligence Center and vice president for special programs at Nichols Research Corporation. He is a longtime Huntsville resident and a University of Alabama graduate.

Red Cross declares emergency blood shortage statewide

Other regions in U.S. also have low levels

RED CROSS RELEASE

A slowdown in blood donations during the summer months is nothing new. Summer vacations and irregular routines prevent regular donors from giving. Yet, this summer seems to have arrived early, causing the summer blood donation slump to hit prematurely.

“We’re asking everyone in Alabama who can donate to call 1-800-GIVE LIFE to schedule an appointment at a Red Cross donor center, or to find out where the nearest blood drive is,” said Mark Beddingfield, chief operating officer of the American Red Cross Alabama and Central Gulf Coast Region. “Anyone can call that number to give blood or to set up a blood drive. Your Red Cross continues to serve hospital patients in North Alabama as we have for over 54 years. Please call us soon.” That number is 1-800-448-3543.

UAB Hospital is the only level 1 major trauma center in the Birmingham area and has patients from Huntsville, and north and across Alabama, transported there for life-saving care. Red Cross provides near-

ly 70 percent of Alabama’s blood supply.

“We serve a large patient population that depends on blood transfusions to stay alive,” said Dr. Marisa Marques, assistant professor of pathology and medical director, Transfusion Medicine Services, medical director, UAB Coagulation Service at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. “We are again experiencing severe shortage of O negative units which are the most critical for trauma victims and many other patients who undergo major surgery or are being treated for serious illness. The blood centers and UAB hospital depend on the commitment of the public to donate blood now as well as to become regular donors. I am sure that awareness of the need will motivate people to bring us to a safer situation in terms of blood availability.”

The Alabama and Central Gulf Coast Region collected only 1,720 units of blood in the first seven days of June; however, more than 4,200 blood units are needed in a typical week to replenish hospital and Red Cross supplies. You must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health.

An Alabama hospital patient recently received 34 units of blood after contracting a bacterial infection from a severe burn. Medical situations like this occur

every day without warning. Blood is an emergency medicine and must be available and ready for use before these situations happen.

As of June 8, this Red Cross region, which includes Alabama, the Mississippi Gulf Coast and the Florida Panhandle, had less than one day’s supply of negative red blood units on the shelves – O negative, A negative or B negative – according to Mark Harmon, Red Cross director of product management. O positive inventory is very low, as well as B positive.

“Blood inventories throughout Alabama and America are low,” Beddingfield said. “Consequently, we can’t bring blood in from other areas of the country. We’re on our own.”

Red blood cells, which are used in

transfusions, have a shelf life of only 42 days. Another blood component, platelets, is used in the treatment of cancer patients. Its shelf life is just five days.

Life-saving platelet inventories for leukemia and cancer patients are also low.

“Blood donors can give every 56 days (eight weeks). Platelet donors can give 24 times a year. We are asking people to donate blood today and sponsor a blood drive where they work, play or worship before we get in dire straits in this region,” Beddingfield said.

The hours at the Red Cross blood donor center at 1101 Washington St. are Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Fridays 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. To schedule a blood donation or sponsor a blood drive, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

Halogen lighting can hog energy

The Redstone Arsenal Energy Management Office wants to help you separate fact from fiction.

If you think halogen lighting is super-efficient, you’re mistaken, according to the Energy Management Office.

“It’s true that halogen lights use less energy than standard incandescent bulbs. However, compact fluorescent

lights are nearly three times as efficient as halogen and don’t have the energy-hogging transformers,” a prepared release said. “Also, halogens require transformers that can use extra energy, even when the light is off.”

For more information, call energy manager Mark Smith 842-0014 or resource efficiency manager Bob Quick 842-0235.

Rotorcraft engineering students pursuing master’s degrees

UAH RELEASE

Nineteen Redstone workers are pursuing master’s degrees under the newly-established Rotorcraft Systems Engineering curriculum at University of Alabama-Huntsville.

They represent a cross section of Redstone, including the Program Executive Office for Aviation, the Research Development and Engineering Center, PEO Tactical Missiles and the Redstone Technical Test Center. They were selected by leaders of these organizations for their past performance, potential for service and their academic achievement.

The students are taking three graduate courses this summer: Probability and Statistics, Special Topics in Mathematics,

and Aircraft Stability and Control. The curriculum consists of 36 credit hours or five semesters (15 months).

These students are to graduate in August 2005 with a master of science in engineering with a major in aeronautical engineering and two minors – mathematics and system simulation.

UAH will continue to offer the curriculum to students who desire to complete the degree on a part-time basis.

The students include Laura Ayers, Susan Bonne, William Cooper, Phillip Dussault, Joshua Elmore, Angela Ewing, Jerry Hatch, Daniel Ancontetani, Michael Howerton, Eric Martin, Michael McClure, William McDonald, Brian Murphy, Mark Parsons, Douglas Miller, Kevin Pulliam, Eric Shull, Mark Sweeny and Eric Woods.

Students step up for summer jobs at Redstone

More than 1,500 applications received for the 200 positions

By **SANDY RIEBELING**
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There were more applicants than ever for the Student Temporary Employment Program this year. More than 1,500 applications were made online for approximately 200 jobs being filled with high school and college students.

"This is the first year we've put out the announcement and requested resumes through Resumix," Angela Williams, human resource specialist and summer hire coordinator, said. "In the past, applicants had to mail in their packets. This year we got a lot more applications. Some of the students applied for all three categories. It just goes to show that the youth today are more computer savvy."

The three vacancy announcements, engineering aide, office automation clerk and general clerk, were put online for one week, March 17-23. Job grades range from GS-1 to GS-4, depending on the individual's work experience and education. Williams said that a lot of advertising for STEP was done through e-mails and announcements in the *Redstone Rocket*; so many of the students knew about the jobs before the announcement hit the web and were ready to apply.

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center also worked with the North Alabama Skills Center and the Alabama state employment office to get the word out to low-income students.

"We've been doing this program – it seems like forever," CPAC director Don Dixon said. "I know it's been going on at least 20 years. The number of jobs available each year fluctuates depending on how many organizations in Team Redstone par-



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

THIRD YEAR— Carey Link, a senior at the University of Alabama-Huntsville, is working her third summer as an office automation clerk in the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

ticipate and how much they have in the budget for summer hires. It's a great program, for several reasons. It helps ease the workload during the summer months when a lot of employees take vacation but more importantly, it gives us a chance to show these students what we do out here, the range of opportunities, so that maybe they'll want to come work for us down the road. It also supports the community's youth, giving them a place to work locally."

Not only does the STEP program offer job opportunities but Dixon mentioned that the Science and Engineering Apprentice program employs another 40-50 high school and college students for summer work.

The STEP program runs from May 17 to Sept. 30. Not all of the 200-plus hires are on board yet but 177 attended the orientation June 8 in Bob Jones Auditorium.

"We had speakers from CPAC, safety, equal employment opportunity office,

security and public affairs come to the orientation," Williams said. "They talked to the students about what we do, the type of work we do, dress code, work hours, job safety and what to do in case of an accident, Army and AMCOM policies – to let them know what we expect of them."

"I've had a great time working here over the summers," Carey Link, senior at the University of Alabama-Huntsville, said. She's worked summers in the CPAC as an office automation clerk since 2001. "I enjoy the people and the flexibility. It's been a lot of fun."

Natasha Wright first worked in the summer hire program when she was 15 and her family was stationed in Germany. "I worked in the Provost Marshal Office there," she said. "It was a lot of fun." Now 18, Wright is a recent graduate of Bob Jones High who plans to study accounting at Montevallo in the fall. "I had a really good time before so when my mom told me about it, I knew I wanted to apply."

Wright's mother, Kim Wright, works in the Resource Management Directorate at the Sparkman Center, just three floors up from Natasha, who works as a clerk in the Sparkman Management Office.

"It's pretty good so far," she said. "I answer phones, get people what they need in the building. Everyone in the office is very nice. I like that it's independent. I have my own space and access to computers so that I can get familiar with all the different programs. I'm learning how to do a lot of different things."

"The summer hire program is a great way to generate interest in Redstone Arsenal," Williams said. "It continues to bind Redstone with the overall Huntsville/Madison communities. It gets young people into the government work force and lets them see firsthand what we do out here. We're hoping they'll want to become a part of it in the future."

Commanding general praises Team Redstone workers



Photo by Skip Vaughn

GENERAL QUESTION— Maureen Watanabe of the Acquisition Center asks a question during the AMCOM Town Hall.

'You are best in world,' Pillsbury proclaims

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The commanding general called it an information-sharing session but the AMCOM Town Hall meeting turned into something more.

Then-Brig. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, who would receive his second star the next day, used Thursday's meeting with the work force to recognize workers for their efforts. "I love to recognize excellence," he said.

First he noted honorees by name who had received high-level awards then he praised the members of Team Redstone in general.

"You are wonderful, you are great, you are the best in the world," Pillsbury said. "And don't ever forget that."

The commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal addressed an estimated 500 people gathered in Bob Jones Auditorium. Pillsbury outlined AMCOM's focus aimed at ensuring Soldier readiness – "making sure that he can do his job." Elements included Army transformation, logistics modernization, Soldier focus life-cycle management, reset, lean thinking, partnership with program executive offices and industry, and work force transformation.

"We cannot lose this war," he said, referring to the importance of the ongoing war on terrorism. "I don't care who wins the next election but we cannot stop what we're doing. Our Soldiers are making a difference over there."

Military shoplifting not worth the risk

EXCHANGE SERVICE RELEASE

VICTORY BASE, Iraq — More than 120 Soldiers were apprehended for shoplifting from Army and Air Force Exchange Service facilities in Iraq between January 1 and March 31. These shoplifting cases equated to more than \$34,000 of lost merchandise and an incalculable loss in integrity, careers and respect.

The worst part, according to David Drake, AAFES Iraq loss prevention area manager, is that most of the Soldiers apprehended had enough money on hand to pay for the items they stole. They just didn't think they'd get caught.

"Most of our stores have some kind of surveillance, whether it's cameras, detectives or both," Drake said. "My estimation is that on any given day, we catch a tenth of the people who steal from AAFES. If you shoplift repeatedly, you will eventually get caught. I wonder if those Soldiers ask themselves if their military career is worth a one in 10 shot of getting caught?"

Drake and Baghdad loss prevention manager Rich Cabbage said they have heard all kinds of reasons and excuses as to why Soldiers steal, but the one they hear the most is, "I forgot I had it." "I was going to pay for it later," is another, said Cabbage, who has frequently caught more than one person a day. "I've detained everyone from privates to majors."

The things people steal make Cabbage and Drake raise their eyebrows. They said once they caught a coalition Soldier who stole four pairs of gloves — each on separate occasions — but only took the left-handed glove. Recently, said Cabbage, it was light bulbs. "They were stealing the light bulbs out of the mini-Mag-Lites. They left the flash light and stole the bulb," he explained.

"Even if someone only takes a part of the item, it's still shoplifting," Drake said. "Shoplifting is stealing any item or part of an item, or changing the price to pay less than it is marked."

Army campaign sings praises for safety awareness

Goal to reverse trend for accidental deaths

ARMY SAFETY RELEASE

ATLANTA — The Army, with the assistance of Word Records recording artist Mark Schultz, is launching a new program, dubbed "Be Safe – Make it Home," targeted at servicemen and women.

The program, launched June 7, educates Soldiers about potential hazards, most notably from operating motor vehicles, and informs the general public about the need to support servicemen to "Be Safe."

Schultz's song "Letters From War" is the centerpiece of the awareness campaign. Schultz and the Army are producing a music video, training video and PSAs, all featuring the song, that will be used to educate Soldiers and the general public of the Army's high-rate of accidental fatalities.

"Letters From War," from Schultz's current album "Stories & Songs," deals with a Soldier returning home safely from war. While the song was inspired by the diaries his great-grandmother kept when three of her sons fought in World War II, the song's message is as relevant today as it would have been 60 years ago. "Letters From War" has touched the heart strings of the country and is No. 1 on the Christian Adult Contemporary chart.

"Statistically, this has been a rough year for Army accident casualties," Brig. Gen. Joseph Smith, director of Army safety, said. "In an attempt to reverse this trend, the Secretary of the Army initiated the 'Be Safe' campaign to educate Soldiers,

with the end result of keeping them alive and well. We want our troops to be safe and make it home when participating in everyday activities that can lead to accidents such as driving, swimming and biking."

Since the beginning of the year, the Army has experienced 168 accident-related fatalities, 39 percent of which occurred in privately owned vehicles. Combine that figure with the almost 26 percent who are killed in Army motor vehicles and Army combat vehicles, and vehicular accidents account for 65 percent of accident-related fatalities. The remaining 35 percent of fatalities consist of fire, personal injury and aviation accidents.

A key element in the campaign is a newly created safety video that will be shown to all troops. The video and other materials will also be available to Army civilians, defense contractors and family members.

"Letters from War" is featured in the training video. Schultz recast the final lines of the song to fit the Army's safety campaign, and will be making public and media appearances, along with Army officials, in support of the campaign.

"I am very much honored to team with the U.S. Army in this campaign to save soldiers' lives," Schultz said. "I am thrilled to do anything I can to show my total support for our troops and to help keep them safe both abroad and at home."

To help raise awareness of the critical need to help Soldiers be safe, the Army is also asking everyone in the U.S. to leave their front porch lights on all night Sunday, July 4, as a reminder to all Soldiers to "Be Safe – Make it Home," and to the public to keep an eye out for them.

PX patrons visit those who mind the store

Customers now have a chance to meet their Post Exchange managers monthly.

The "Meet the Managers" event June 4 drew an estimated 200 customers to talk with six managers, according to Sonya Boyd, PX public affairs representative/visual merchandiser. It's been done in the past but not on this large a scale.

"It went really well," Boyd said. "We had a lot of positive response, a lot of encouragement and a lot of input from our customers on what they liked and disliked."

The managers met with their customers at a table in the mall area. The event will be held the first Friday of each month.



Courtesy photo

SIGN IN, PLEASE— A customer registers at the "Meet the Managers" table at the PX June 4. Seated are Andre Lee, sales area manager, and Ann Mims, blocked from view, the service business manager.

Local families giving back to their community

Volunteers nominated for national awards

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Volunteer — \vā-l_n-`tir\ n 1: a person who voluntarily undertakes a service or a duty. This is the definition of who the Association of the United States Army is honoring in the "Rubbermaid Volunteer Family of the Year Award" to be presented at its annual meeting in October in Washington, D.C.

"Volunteers are the keystone of our military programs," Sylvia Kidd, AUSA director of family programs, said. "We want to recognize all that they contribute. I don't think we can do that enough."

This is the third year that the national AUSA has recognized exceptional Army families for their significant contributions in volunteering. Each AUSA chapter encourages its local installation to nominate two to three families that volunteer. The nominees aren't strictly military families, but can be Army civilian families as well.

One winner will be selected and notified in August. The family will receive an all-expense paid trip to the AUSA annual meeting in October. They will meet senior Army leaders and possibly their elected officials and be able to attend all parts of the annual meeting. They will also receive a cash award of \$1,500 and gift package of Newell Rubbermaid gifts.

The two runners-ups will also be notified in August and will receive gift packages as well as a \$500 savings bond each.

Redstone has two nominees for this year's award: the Denno family and the Parrish family.

Denno family

"Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." A quote made famous by the late President John F. Kennedy really stuck with Carolyn Denno. "I truly believe in it and that is why I got my daughter started at an early age volunteering," she said. "You just don't get, you give. It's not 'what can you give me,' but 'what can you do.'"

Carolyn started volunteering when her husband, Chief Warrant Officer Douglas Denno, was stationed at Fort Rucker. She first worked for the Red Cross and then later at the post thrift store. When the Dennos moved to Redstone, her husband suggested she volunteer since she liked it so much at Fort Rucker. Carolyn has volunteered at the Thrift Shop now for six years.

Danielle, now 10, started volunteering with her mother at the Thrift Shop when she was 5. "She checks people in, answers the phone and is a good little gofer ... She does everything they ask her to," Carolyn said. "She enjoys it. She does more than I expect her to and does it all with a smile on her face."

Both Carolyn and Danielle won a Redstone Arsenal Volun-

teer of the Year Award this year. "We volunteer because it helps our community — it's a way of saying thank you because there have been times the community has helped us," Carolyn said.

Carolyn has also volunteered for the clinic at Danielle's school and as a Girl Scout leader, coordinator, unit register and delegate. Douglas is stationed in Kosovo as a helicopter pilot, but before his deployment he volunteered as coach for softball and soccer.

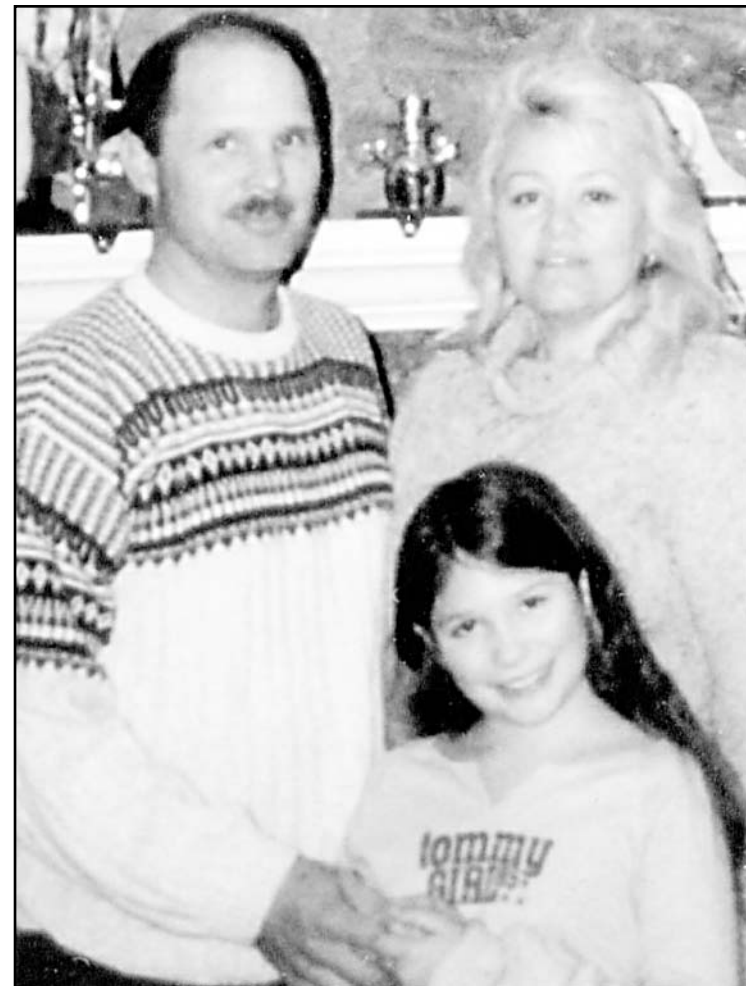
Carolyn appreciates that her family is nominated for the Rubbermaid Volunteer Family of the Year Award. "It's an honor," she said. "I'm sure that there are those who do much more than us, but it is still nice."

Danielle attends Mt. Carmel Elementary. The Denno's also have a son, Garrett, 21.

Parrish family

Mary didn't realize how much bowling would change her life when she met Byron 42 years ago. "He was on an Army team bowling when we first met," Mary said. "He got me started. Where I was from they didn't have a bowling center." The two have volunteered for various Army installations ever since, but for most of their years they have worked with bowling centers.

Since the couple moved to Redstone in 1976, they along with their three sons (Byron, Patrick and Andrew) and later their two daughters-in-law



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THRIFTY HELPERS— Both Carolyn Denno and her daughter Danielle were previously honored for their work at the Thrift Shop.

(Sherry and Andrea) have coached numerous youth in bowling. "We thoroughly enjoy seeing the kids' faces when they get their first hit or strike, it just lights up," Mary said. "They don't have to try out, they just show up and bowl."

Every Saturday morning the Parrish family members teach around 60 children ages 4 to 18 about bowling. Mary said they have taken several youths to local and state bowling tournaments and even raised \$1,200 in scholarships for the children for college.

"We love children and this is the only way we know how to reach them," Mary said. "The bowling program gives children something to do and keeps them out of harm's way."

The families members have also volunteered teaching English and coaching baseball, volleyball and soccer. Mary served as volunteer supervisor for Army Community Service during the early 1980's. Mary and Byron have been nominat-

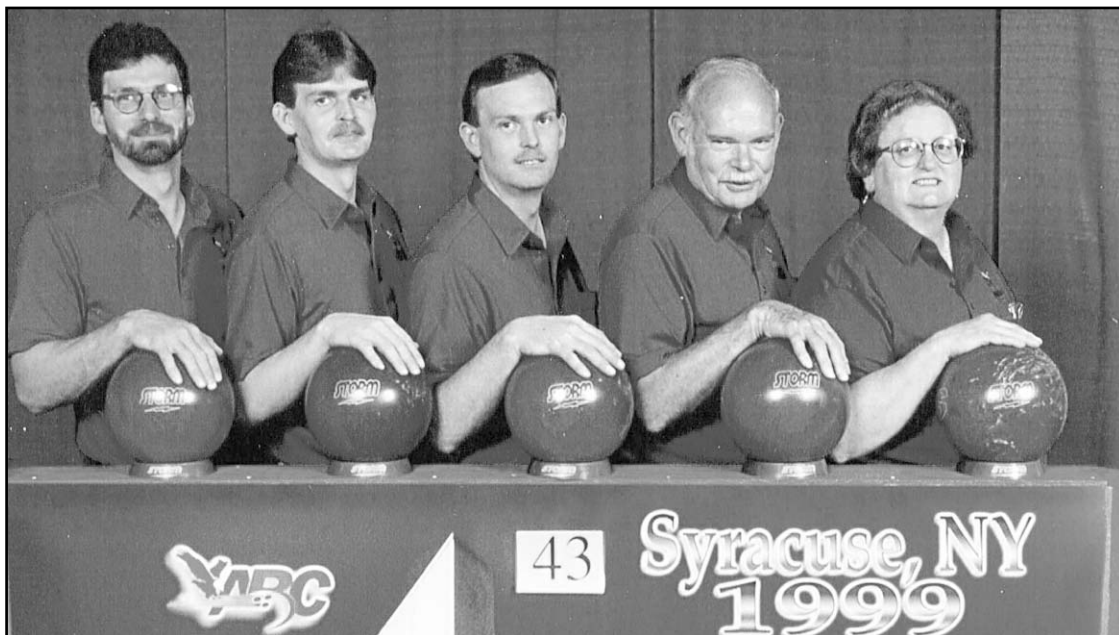
ed for the volunteer of the year and family of the year at Redstone.

Mary said she was surprised when she learned they were nominated for the Rubbermaid Volunteer Family of the Year Award. "It is a fabulous honor," she said. "If we don't win, it is just an honor to be nominated."

Six of their seven grandchildren bowl and usually participate in Redstone youth bowling programs. Byron retired from the Army in 1980 and will retire from SCI in August. Mary works part time at Pin Palace.

The two nominated families were honored by the Redstone-Huntsville AUSA chapter at the Army Birthday dinner June 14 and will be recognized at the Armed Forces Week luncheon in July.

"We want to recognize these two families because they have taken the time outside of their official duties and taken time to include their family in these volunteer activities," Jim Rountree, local AUSA vice president for military family programs, said.



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TIME TO SPARE— The Parrish family members have been nominated for their work with the youth bowling program. From left are Patrick, Andrew, Byron, Byron and Mary Parrish.

D-i-v-o-r-c-e:

rules of engagement *when* couples break apart

‘I hate to say don’t trust your spouse, but don’t trust your spouse. In a divorce you’re not on the same side anymore.’

— Leigh Daniel
local attorney

*Knowing facts
can cut stress*

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There is no easy way to get a divorce. You’re not just dividing up belongings. You end up dividing lives and futures. During such a traumatic experience, it can be difficult to focus on the business practicalities of the situation. Knowing what decisions must be made and how state law applies to you goes a long way to lessen the burden.

There are some things that apply to everyone, military, civilian or otherwise. Child custody and support are two of the biggest issues involved in divorce. They are heated topics not always understood. When facing divorce, most people have never thought about the difference between physical custody and legal custody. Everyone knows who they think children should live with, but how much responsibility and input will be shared when it comes to school, religion and other parenting issues? This is legal custody.

Custody in the early stages of divorce can also be impacted by issues such as who moved out of the family home, something many people never think of as a pivotal issue.

“We have an order here in Madison County that says that whoever resides in the home has temporary custody,” said Leigh Daniel, local attorney and author of several books on divorce and custody issues.

Judges favor arrangements that keep both parents involved. Putting aside their own pain and anger can be difficult for the adult parties involved, but ultimately what’s best for the children must win out. Hence the need for coping classes.

Alabama requires divorcing parents to attend a four-hour seminar designed to help them put aside their personal differences and lessen the emotional impact of

their divorce on their children. Attending such a class is mandatory and if the parties have not attended the class, a judge may order them to do so before their divorce can be final. The seminar costs \$40 each.

Legal Assistance or a private attorney will also aid an active duty Soldier in determining where their legal residence lies and with which state they must file for divorce.

“If you and your spouse have lived here in Alabama six months leading up to the action, then you can file here,” Daniel said. “If you have not lived here that long — sometimes military people are here a shorter period of time — then you cannot file here. You would have to file in your home state or where you were.”

When it comes to deciding who gets what, servicemembers, retirees and spouses have a few additional items to consider. Pensions, medical benefits and other privileges must be decided as well. Fortunately, the Legal Assistance office is there to answer questions in these areas, including what nonmilitary spouses may or may not be entitled to.

“When military couples get divorced, the retiree or active duty military member obviously gets to keep their benefits. The question is does the nonmilitary spouse get to keep theirs,” Capt. Frank Ulmer, legal assistance officer, said. “A lot of times they don’t if they don’t meet the requirements. The 20-20-20 rule will tell if they get to keep their benefits. That means that the active duty member must have been on active duty 20 years, the couple must have been married 20 years and those two time frames must have overlapped 20 years. There is also a 20-20-15 test for some limited temporary health benefits. For children, as long as they are dependents they’re going to keep their benefits.” Ulmer believes that retirement and benefits are the biggest issues in military divorces.

“A lot of times, retirement is the biggest asset in military divorces. It’s not a hard and fast rule, but the shorter a time you are married, the less likely you are to get a portion of someone’s retirement,” he

said. “But for couples who have been married 20 or 30 years and the military member either has retired or is getting ready to retire, military spouses normally are awarded a portion of that in the property settlement. That’s a very big issue for people who have been married a long time.”

Legal Assistance can also assist in separation agreements, though many people are mistaken in their assumptions about them.

A separation agreement is just that, a contract between the two of you outlining some of the details on how things are going to be for a divorce. Many people, however, do not understand that it is a word of honor kind of thing. Most things agreed to in a separation agreement are not enforceable in a court of law. It is merely a written version of what the two of you have agreed to do on your own. If either party decides not to honor such an agreement, the other has no real recourse other than to proceed with the divorce and address those issues with it.

“It is not binding on the circuit court of Alabama,” Daniel said. “People think that because it is drawn up with an attorney that it is, but it’s not.”

In the military, separation agreements have slightly more weight regarding support agreements.

“Army regulation will require the Soldier’s commander to enforce the support amount in that agreement,” Ulmer said. “Of course that only applies to active duty. It’s really just a contract between those two people. If one of the parties doesn’t live up to it, the Army can’t make them do it. The Army can make them live up to the

support agreement, but that’s it.” He sees the separation agreement as a way for couples to iron out issues before proceeding with a divorce.

Other than issues involving children, Daniel said that inaccurate information or expectations are the biggest causes of divorce stress. Discussing your specific situation with either the Legal Assistance office or a private attorney can go a long way to calm some of your fears and concerns. Daniel also said it is important to be realistic about the facts.

“I hate to say don’t trust your spouse, but don’t trust your spouse,” she said. “In a divorce you’re not on the same side anymore.”

Legal Assistance reiterates that sentiment regarding who they can help.

“Normally a Soldier and his or her spouse are eligible clients for Legal Assistance,” Ulmer said. “But when you get into a divorce situation it really comes down to who gets here first. We can’t represent either one in court, but we can offer advice and find them a civilian attorney. This office can’t counsel both of you though.”

Reliable information is out there, but can be difficult to find. To provide such information to the public, Daniel offers free informational seminars and a web site, www.armchairattorney.com, with information and seminar schedules. Military personnel or retirees can call Legal Assistance at 876-9005 for issues relating to them. For information on required parenting classes, contact the Family Services Center of Huntsville, 551-1610 or www.fsc-hsv.org.

Reagan makes first, last flight in jet he ordered



Photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Jon Gesch

FORMER FIRST LADY— Army Maj. Gen. Galen Jackman escorts former first lady Nancy Reagan as former President Ronald Reagan's casket is placed aboard an Air Force VC-25 at Naval Base Ventura County, Point Mugu, Calif., June 9. Reagan's body was flown to Andrews Air Force Base, Md., en route to Washington, D.C., to lie in state in the U. S. Capitol Rotunda June 9-11. Jackman is commander of the Military District of Washington.

Former president's remains delivered for state funeral

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WASHINGTON — The blue-and-white presidential jet that brought the flag-draped coffin of former President Ronald Reagan to Andrews Air Force Base, Md., on June 9 is an aircraft he ordered before he left office – but this was his first ride in it.

Reagan ordered two identical Boeing 747s to replace the aging presidential Boeing 707s he traveled in as president. First lady Nancy Reagan designed the interior decor of the planes in a style reminiscent of the desert Southwest.

The plane was delivered shortly after Reagan left office. President George H.W. Bush, in September 1990, was the first leader to fly in one of the new planes.

The presidential air transport fleet consists of two specially configured Boeing 747-200Bs with the Air Force designation VC-25. The radio call sign "Air Force One" is used when the president is aboard either aircraft, or any other Air Force aircraft.

Special features of the aircraft include state-of-the-art navigation, electronic and communications equipment, special interior configuration and furnishing, a self-contained baggage loader, front and aft air-stairs and the capability for in-flight refueling.

The uniquely configured aircraft comes with an executive suite consisting of a stateroom outfitted with a dressing room, lavatory and shower and the president's office. A combination conference/dining room is available for the president and his family and staff. Separate accommodations are provided for guests, senior staff, Secret Service and security personnel and the news media.

There are two galleys where up to 100 meals can be served at one sitting. And there's a rest area and mini-galley for the aircrew.

Comfort areas include six passenger lavatories, including access facilities for people with disabilities. The VC-25 also has a compartment outfitted with medical equipment and supplies for minor medical emergencies.

Franklin D. Roosevelt was the first U.S. president to be provided air transport, which began in 1944 when a C-54 Skymaster – the "Sacred Cow" – was put into service, according to officials at the Air Mobility Command's 89th Airlift Wing at Andrews.

From 1947 to 1953, President Harry S. Truman was transported in a DC-6 "Independence" (Liftmaster). President Dwight D. Eisenhower traveled aboard the

"Columbine II" and "Columbine III" from 1953 to 1961.

President John F. Kennedy's VC-137, a modified Boeing 707, was the first aircraft to be popularly known as "Air Force One."

Perhaps the most widely known and most historically significant presidential aircraft is the C-137C that was specifically purchased for use as the presidential aircraft in 1962. With Tail No. 2600, the aircraft carried Kennedy to Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, and returned his body to Washington following his assassination.

Lyndon B. Johnson was sworn into office as the 36th president on board the aircraft at Love Field in Dallas. Officials said this fateful aircraft also was used to return Johnson's body to Texas following his state funeral on Jan. 24, 1973.

In 1972, President Richard M. Nixon made historic visits aboard 2600 to China and the Soviet Union.

Tail No. 2600 was retired in May 1998 and is on display at the U.S. Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

The first VC-25-A – Tail No. 2800 – flew as "Air Force One" on Sept. 6, 1990,

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Final respects

Thousands of people patiently wait in line June 10 in Washington, D.C., to view Ronald Reagan's casket inside the U.S. Capitol Rotunda. The 40th president died of pneumonia June 5 in California. He was 93.

Citizens honor Reagan outside cathedral

By GERRY J. GILMORE
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WASHINGTON — As public figures arrived in black limousines and SUVs to attend Friday's funeral service for President Ronald Reagan, ordinary people waited outside Washington National Cathedral to pay their final respects to the former chief executive.

As the start of the service neared, the sullen morning sky released a misty drizzle as umbrellas popped open among the hundreds of people who braved the weather for the arrival of the funeral motorcade.

"It's really an honor to be here," Jennifer Bresnahan, 19, declared as she peered out from under a dripping umbrella. The Georgetown University student noted she's an "Army brat" whose family currently is stationed overseas. She shared the umbrella with her Georgetown classmates Layne Bolin and Joel Devallon.

Bolin, 20, said she was paying her respects "to the passing of a great president and a great man."

Joel Devallon, 20, said he felt it was his duty to honor Reagan's passing, noting his parents had always praised the former president.

Just feet away from the Georgetown students, Susan Anderson draped a piece of plastic wrap atop the head of her 5-month-old daughter, Eve, as the drizzle continued. The 42-year-old Washingtonian credited Reagan for his 1980s negotiations with then-Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev that led to the end of the Cold War.

Across the street from the cathedral, Metropolitan Police Officer Eugene Kennedy used humor and tact to keep the growing crowd of onlookers out of harm's way.

When people ventured into the street to get a better look, Kennedy cajoled them back onto the sidewalk. Asked if he'd ever seen such a large group lined up and down the city's streets before, Kennedy replied with a cheery, "Of course!"

President Bush had declared Friday a national day of mourning for Reagan, who died June 5 in California. Air Force One brought the former president to Washington June 9, where he was taken to the U.S. Capitol to lay in state till Friday's funeral. News reports quoted officials saying that more than 100,000 people had viewed Reagan's casket in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda.

After the funeral service, the former president was flown back to California for burial Friday evening at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library.



Photo by Gerry J. Gilmore

UNDER WEATHER— Washington resident Susan Anderson and her 5-month-old daughter, Eve, brave the elements outside Washington National Cathedral to pay their last respects to President Reagan on Friday.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Gun salute

Members of the funeral detail fire their weapons in honor of the late President Reagan during Friday afternoon's retreat in front of building 3300. The five Soldiers fired 10 volleys for the 50-gun salute.

■ Presidential jet transports Reagan's coffin

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when it transported President George H.W. Bush to Kansas, Florida and back to Washington.

A second VC-25-A — Tail No. 2900 — transported Presidents Clinton, Carter and Bush to Israel for the funeral of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Nov. 6, 1995.

On Feb. 6, 2004, the dedication and unveiling ceremony was held for a cornerstone for the building that will house Reagan's presidential aircraft at the

Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in Simi Valley, Calif.

The new Air Force One Pavilion will display the Boeing 707 used by Reagan while in office. Boeing Co. is restoring it. This plane, with Tail No. 2700, flew in presidential service for 28 years. The pavilion is scheduled for completion in 2005. The cornerstone was dedicated Feb. 6, 2004, to honor Reagan on his 93rd birthday.

Powered flight was only seven years old when Reagan was born. And on June 11, an aircraft he determined the nation needed took him back to California for his final rest.

Waiting spouses enjoy a little talk time to air concerns

Group discusses common issues, provides support for members

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When asked how long she's been attending Talk Time sessions, Susan Gailes, wife of a deployed National Guardsman, laughs and then starts listing types of food.

"I can count meetings by the food (I've brought)," she said. "Seriously, I've been coming four or five months, since my husband deployed. He went on active duty Jan. 2 and was in Iraq by March. I didn't grow up in the military. My husband sends me notes with all these acronyms and gobbledygook. I had to come out here to learn what all that means so I can find out what's going on."

Several of the other women, all in similar situations, nod knowingly. They've been there. Some are just starting, some have been around the military a little more but all have had to become single parents, heads of the household, bearers of all the domestic burdens that were once shared by two. Not to mention the added stress of a husband in harm's way.

Gailes brought her friend Ruth Towers to Talk Time on Tuesday night, June 8. It was a first for Towers who's been "trying to get to a meeting but has so many other things to do" it's hard to make the time. Towers' husband, Sgt. 1st Class Donald Towers is also in Iraq, serving in the same Guard unit, the 231st Military Police Battalion, with Gailes' husband, Lt. Col. Chuck Gailes.

"Karen made me come," said Sherri Rothwell, wife of Staff Sgt. Stefan Rothwell serving with the 711th Signal Battalion, a National Guard unit out of Foley, also deployed to Iraq in January. "I was beginning to feel isolated. I met Kristi here at ACS and started volunteering to give me something to do, a way to be more involved in all that's going on. Then I met Karen and she told me I had to come."



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

LEAN ON ME— Some members of the Waiting Spouses group get together monthly for "Talk Time" to address all kinds of issues that arise from a family going through a military deployment. From left are Karen Scott, counselor and group facilitator; Sherri Rothwell, Becca Richardson, Jennifer Schmidt, Cathy Ferry, Ruth Towers and Susan Gailes.

Karen Scott is a licensed professional counselor who works at Behavioral Medicine. She's been the facilitator and counselor for Talk Time sessions since they started nearly a year ago. Kristi Foster is the Waiting Spouses program manager at Army Community Service. It was Foster who recognized the need to go beyond a night out without the kids to a support group setting for those with questions, concerns or issues that come from a family separation. Talk Time was created as an additional resource for waiting spouses.

"Not everyone who participates in one group will go to both," Foster said. "But there are some very common issues that come up, social issues, stuff with the kids, finances, family roles. Karen is there to answer questions about whatever these women want to talk about. A lot of times

the women learn from each other. It's a great dynamic."

One of the most common issues is the feeling of isolation or loneliness, according to Foster.

"It's a good thing for people to know they're not alone — that they're not the only one experiencing these feelings and thoughts," she said. "Just coming out and hearing other women validates feelings. Karen is great at the meetings. Since she works with individuals, families, couples, and even the Soldiers returning from deployments, she has insight into what's going on with both sides. She can help them understand what their husbands are going through. She's prior military herself and has been a military spouse."

"One of the best pieces of advice I've heard from her — when wives ask, 'How do I get him to talk when he comes home?' Karen tells them, 'Sometimes you can't get him to talk. Just wait for him to talk and then when he does, hush up and listen.'"

Talk Time doesn't have scheduled meeting topics, but recurring themes seem to emerge, according to Scott. Common concerns include school issues with the children, new disciplinary roles, stretching finances, communication, household demands, and how to reconstitute the fam-

ily once the husband returns. What chores are shifted back to the husband? What if the wife discovers she likes paying the bills and taking care of the finances since she's been given the task for the last year? Just knowing how to be together as a family again can be challenging if there are too many unrealistic expectations.

"This meeting gives them a safe place to let it all out," Scott said. "Vent a little, decompress, and then leave feeling lighter, more hopeful and less alone. It's a time for sharing fears, anxieties, uncertainties and all the positives things that are happening as well. The women get information from each other. Make friends."

"I often hear people say that they don't like to go to group discussions because it makes them uncomfortable, they don't like talking in public," Scott said. "I tell them they should go anyway. To trust me. Try it three times. If you do, you'll love it. Most of the time I'm right. I understand it's tough that first time out. But after you get through that initial feeling of intimidation and anxiety, you'll see that your situation is normal. The group normalizes fears and uncertainties people have inside themselves. It helps to hear other people say exactly what you're feeling without you having said a word."

Family separations are difficult under the best of circumstances, according to Scott, but the added stress of the war increases and intensifies stress. The group includes wives of active duty, Reserves and Guard Soldiers. Some husbands are in Iraq and Afghanistan, some are on unaccompanied tours or in training. The dynamics and stressors are much the same for all these groups.

"People need to connect," Scott said. "If you're not familiar with the post or our services, call. We're here to help you any way we can. If you know of someone that needs to connect, let them know that we're here and that we'll take care of them. We want to help people address issues as soon as they come up, not wait until they're overwhelming. It's our passion — helping families."

Talk Time sessions are from 6 to 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at ACS on Redeye Road. Free child care and refreshments are provided.

For more information about Talk Time or Waiting Spouses events, call Foster at 876-5397. Scott is also available for free one-on-one counseling sessions for spouses, Soldiers and their families. For more information on counseling, call Scott at 876-9085.

Policy

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The policy's intent is to inform the Redstone servicemembers of proper military uniform dress requirements. "Proper wear and appearance of military uniforms should always present a professional, soldierly appearance and all Soldiers should take pride in their appearance," it says. "All servicemembers will obey and enforce the military uniform regulations and this policy."

Categories covered include duty uniform, improved physical fitness uniform, combat vehicle crewman uniform and coveralls, wear of the nametape on the gortex parka, and civilian dress and grooming on post.

"Good grooming is a matter of pride within the military community and the wearing of appropriate civilian attire is a personal responsibility within the parameters of good taste and social acceptability," it states regarding civilian dress and grooming on post. "In keeping with this principle, the following dress code is implemented:

"Garments which contain, depict, or display any obscene, pornographic, lewd, or lascivious words, characters, pictures, or symbols are prohibited. No tank tops or

halter tops will be worn in AAFES (Post Exchange) facilities or the Commissary.

"Male Soldiers will be clean-shaven in public places regardless of duty status, except for those with a valid shaving profile. Soldiers with shaving profiles will not style the beard. Beards, goatees, and unauthorized mustaches are not permitted. Male Soldiers will not wear earrings on post.

"Military personnel are not authorized in mix and match civilian athletic clothes with parts of the physical fitness uniform while using any on-post facilities or attending any on post events, nor is it acceptable to mix pieces of different uniforms.

"Servicemembers may wear long underwear and other items appropriate for the weather, but they must be concealed from view with the gray sweatshirt and pants or the improved jacket and pants."

Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Gerecht, the garrison command sergeant major, said servicemembers should understand the importance of their public image.

"It's to make sure that we portray a professional and positive image off post," he said of the policy. "When you're off post, you represent the Army. And when they see a Soldier not in proper uniform or wearing that uniform inappropriately, it's a reflection not just of that Soldier but of the service. And our goal is to portray the Army in a positive way."

Bravo batters Delta in preseason tournament

Balanced attack launched in winners bracket final

By SKIP VAUGHN
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Bravo softball coach Lee Diaz should go into fortunetelling.

He had a prediction before his team's game against Delta last Thursday night in the winners bracket final of the preseason tournament. The Bulldogs were warming up a few minutes before game time at the Patton Road field.

"I guarantee a victory," said Diaz, who plays shortstop.

Bravo proved him right with a 19-4 win over Delta which was missing three starters. "Didn't I tell you we were going to win?" he asked afterward.

Second baseman Kenneth McCoy led the offense by going 4-for-4 with two triples, an inside-the-park homer and three runs scored. But he had plenty of help.

Bravo delivered a more balanced attack than in its 13-8 win over defending champion HHC 59th the previous night.

"We hit more as a team," Diaz said. "Yesterday it was a close game because we hit in spurts. Today pretty much one through 10 (in the lineup) hit the ball."

He predicts even bigger things ahead as his players gain experience. The preseason final was scheduled June 15 with the regular season to start June 21.

"The guys will get more confidence (as they play together)," Diaz said. "Once they get comfortable doing what they do, they'll be all right."

Delta started the night at a disadvantage because three players could not attend for various reasons.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

IT'S A HIT— Bravo right fielder Alfred Arellano gets an RBI single in the second inning against Delta.

"It kind of hurts we had three people missing," Devastating Dragons coach/infielder Johnny Kennedy said. "We had a lot of people playing positions they weren't used to playing. My hat's off to the (Delta) outfield. They did a great job out there. They had half of Alabama out there they had to field and they did a good job."

The double-elimination tournament started June 7. Results included HHC

59th def. MEDDAC 10-8; Bravo won by forfeit over 326th Chemical; Marines def. Headquarters & Alpha 16-5; Delta def. Charlie 20-1; MEDDAC won by forfeit over 326th Chemical; Bravo def. HHC 59th 13-8; Delta def. Marines 9-1; Headquarters & Alpha def. Charlie 15-10; Bravo def. Delta 19-4; MEDDAC def. Marines 14-8; and HHC 59th def. Headquarters & Alpha 14-11.

Young at heart get their kicks at Youth Center

Tae Kwon Do class taught by retiree

By ADRIAN BAKER
Morale Welfare and Recreation

Round kicks and fists were flying in the Tae Kwon Do class of Master Jeffrey Davis on May 29.

Davis, a retired master sergeant, has been involved with or instructed Tae Kwan Do for more than 20 years. His 20 students warmed up for a combined class including students of all skill levels. Though children and parents make up Davis' typical class, adults without children are welcome to become students as well.

Tony Chilufa, having only been in Davis' class three months and wearing a

white belt, sparred off with the similar sized but more experienced Mike Williams. Williams has four years' experience in karate but also has three months of instruction in Tae Kwan Do. Williams, a sergeant, has taken up the Korean form of karate during his time at Redstone.

Transition happens often in the Army, so many students start somewhere else and finish Redstone or vice versa.

"Many of my students have to leave every summer with their parents' permanent change of station, and we really miss them," Davis said. "Children and their parents are encouraged to attend Tae Kwon Do together. For those children whose parents PCS every three years, they will have a familiar classmate if they should take up instruction elsewhere."

The Redstone Tae Kwon Do Program started two and a half years ago as an activity of MWR Child and Youth Services. That's when mother and daughter pair Brenda Morton and Danyeala Ross began their Tae Kwon Do instruction. Morton and Ross are part of the original class, as well as the only mother and daughter group to go through the complete belt structure from the beginner's white belt up to their current red belts. Morton and Ross have advanced together and are now testing for their black belts.

The Tae Kwon Do class, held weekly at the Youth Center, is not just family fun but also a great value.

"This program is available to you at a great discount, because I'm retired military and I do not depend on this for income," Davis said. "I simply offer everything I know, with a good quality program families can afford, like afford-



Photo by Adrian Baker

TAKE THAT— Danyeala Ross practices during a Tae Kwon Do class at the Youth Center.

able pricing with no extra fee for intermediate promotions between belts. There is only a \$20 fee to test for each belt, comparable to \$60 off post. You're not locked into a fee either, because many places charge students full price even when out of town or on vacation; but not here."

Pricing for Tae Kwon Do is \$40 for the first family member, \$33 for one additional family member, \$27 for the third and no fee after four.

For more information on this or other Redstone MWR Child and Youth Services programs, call 876-3704.



Photo by Will Crisp

Redstone runners

Six runners from Redstone combined to win the corporate cup competition at the 23rd annual Jesse Owens Memorial 10K on May 15 in Moulton. From left, with their finish times, are Brian Toland (44:18), William Alvarez (40:02), Morris Bodrick (38:30), Maurice Conner (40:31), Nathan Graham (38:50) and Randy McFarland (39:02). Their team trophy is to be placed in one of the gyms on post.

Plasma television can bring unwanted moving drama

Handle with care when shipping

By **JAMES E. FRIDAY JR.**
Claims adjudicator

If you are about to PCS with a plasma television, the information contained in this article will likely save you money and emotional strain.

Plasma televisions are complex and sensitive devices that require extra care and attention while moving. Failure to handle a plasma TV with the care it demands could result in disappointment at your next duty station.

In addition, Army regulations impose certain limitations on compensation for damages and require servicemembers to properly substantiate any claim.

With regard to shipping, the key to the safe transport of your plasma television is use of the manufacturer's original packaging. Given that the original packaging was used by the manufacturer to safely ship the TV to your locale, the original packing container provides the most appropriate packaging as intended by the manufacturer.

If at all possible, Soldiers who purchase plasma televisions should keep all of the original packaging for the television. If you have unfortunately discarded the original packing container, you should inform the transportation office that you own a plasma television which requires special packing materials. The government will pay the carrier for the purchase of special shipping containers to safely transport your plasma TV.

Damage cost

Despite your best efforts, your plasma TV may suffer damage during shipment. Anyone who has visited a local electronics store can attest that these TVs can cost in excess of \$7,000.

All Soldiers must be aware that the maximum payment any claims office can pay for a plasma TV is \$1,500. In addition, the claims office must depreciate the

value of the plasma TV based upon its age. For instance, a two-year-old TV would be depreciated 20 percent.

In addition to compensation limitations, claims for internal damage to plasma televisions will not be paid unless sufficient evidence exists to conclude that the loss was due to rough handling in shipment.

Obviously, when dealing with internal damage to plasma television, the information that a good repair firm provides is essential in determining whether or not a claim is payable. The amount of damage done to other items in the total shipment is also a factor indicating rough handling.

Any physical damage done to the plasma television's packing container and to the plasma television itself may also be factors indicating rough handling. The mere fact that the plasma television worked well prior to shipment is not a sufficient basis to pay a claim. The precise nature of the damage is critical.

As with all internal damage claims, a repair shop's bland conclusion that "shipment damage" occurred is insufficient. The Soldier should ensure that the repair shop includes the basis for this assessment on the estimate.

Insurance coverage

Given the aforementioned regulatory limitations, any Soldier who ships a plasma television should strongly consider purchasing full replacement insurance for the shipment.

This insurance may be purchased at the Redstone Arsenal Transportation Office or through a private insurance company.

For more information on insurance coverage, contact the Redstone Arsenal Outbound Section of the Transportation Office.

For more information on the claims process, visit the Claims Division web site at <http://www.redstone.army.mil/legal/claims.html>. You may also call the Claims Division, in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, and speak with the claims examiner at 876-9006.

Sports & Recreation

Ten-miler tryouts

Redstone will have tryouts for its Army Ten-Miler team 7 a.m. Aug. 7 and Aug. 21 on a 10-mile course that begins and ends in the parking lot at Sparkman Fitness Center. The team is to have six military – including active duty, National Guard and Reserves — and four civilian members. The 20th annual race is Oct. 24 in Washington, D.C. For more information, call Skip Vaughn 876-1500 or Alexander Steel 876-3867.

Brickyard 400 sweepstakes

The Community and Family Support Center/Miller Lite “Brickyard 400 Sweepstakes” continues through June 30 at the Redstone Golf Course and Challenger Activity Center. This promotion features an ‘instant-win’ scratch card and enter-to-win sweepstakes. In addition to the scratch card giveaways, there will be an enter-to-win drawing for four trips-for-two to the NASCAR Brickyard 400 in Indiana on Aug. 8. To enter, participants simply fill out the information on the back of their scratch card and drop it in the entry box provided.

Swimming pools

Pool season passes are on sale at Outdoor Recreation and the Diane Campbell Recreation Center. Outdoor Recreation is open daily from 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. The

Diane Campbell Recreation Center is open Tuesdays through Fridays 1:30 p.m. until 8 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Swimming pools are open through Sept. 6 from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. daily. Pool hours will be posted at each pool. Cost of season passes is \$45 for families and \$35 for individuals. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation 876-4868 or 876-6854.

Golf sweepstakes

Drive to Win in Redstone Arsenal’s “Lucky Bucket Sweepstakes 2” promotion. Sharpen your golf skills and win prizes in the process. Through June 30, one orange “lucky” ball will be dropped in the range ball machine each week. Find the ball and win instantly. In addition, an “enter to win” sweepstakes is available. You could win a Play Station 2 unit in the local grand prize drawing or one of three trips for two at any Trading Places destination courtesy of www.GovArm.com, event sponsor in the national grand prize drawing. Grand prize drawings will be held at the end of promotion. Call 883-7977 for more details.

Youth soccer

AYSO Region 160 (playing at Huntsville’s John Hunt and Merrimack Parks) will continue soccer registration for the fall through July 15. Registration is \$65 per player through June 30 when fees go up to \$75 each. Fees include a uniform. A \$5 per player discount is available if you register online at www.aysol60.org

using option 1 on the registration page. A copy of the birth certificate is required for players new to American Youth Soccer Organization. Players must be at least 4 by Jan. 31, 2004 and less than 19 on July 31, 2004 to play in the fall. Both coed and girls teams are available in all age groups. For registration instructions or more information go to www.aysol60.org or call 539-6852.

Baseball raffle

Court Appointed Juvenile Advocates is selling \$5 raffle tickets for three drawings where each winning child will have an hour coaching session with a Huntsville Stars player. The drawings will be at the Stars’ baseball games June 25 and July 17. For tickets or more information, call 883-2689.

Youth golf clinic

Child and Youth Services offers golf instruction for ages 6-17. Clubs will be available for those who need them. Instruction will include the basic fundamentals of putting, chipping, pitching, as well as use of iron and woods. Parents are encouraged to volunteer for at least one session as course chaperones. Registration is \$50 per child. For more information or to register, call 313-2177.

Gymnastics classes

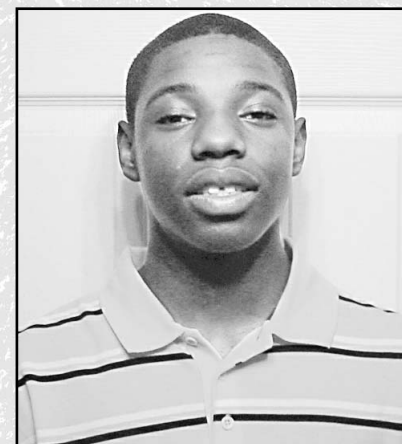
Child and Youth Services’ new instructional program, SKIES Unlimited, will offer several gymnastics, cheernastics, tumbling, and a “Mommy and Me” preschoolers introduction to gymnastics movement, beginning in June. All classes are ongoing and taught by a certified USA-Gymnastics instructor. Classes will be held at the Youth Center. To register your child stop by the Central Registration Office, building 1500, Weeden Mountain Road or call 313-3701 or 876-3704.



Conferences & Meetings

Configuration data managers

ACDM Huntsville Interest Group will hold a technical symposium on “Enterprise Configuration and Data Management,” Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Holiday Inn-Research Park, 5903 University Drive. Cost is \$100 per person; or \$75 each for three or more persons from one organiza-



Courtesy photo

Honor student

Quintin Lundy maintained a 4.0 grade point average in the honors program at Buckhorn High for the 2003-04 school year. He is a freshman and a member of the band where he plays second first trombone, surpassed only by a senior. He was selected to participate in the Science and Engineering Apprenticeship Program at Redstone Arsenal; and he is a national merit scholar. Quintin is the son of Austin Lundy of Integrated Materiel Management Center and Jasmine Lundy of Software Engineering Directorate.

tion. For more information, call Cindy Hauer 536-1096 or Sue Fair 544-0691.

Briefing for industry

The 2004 Team Redstone Advance Planning Briefing for Industry is July 13-14 at Bob Jones Auditorium. “This briefing is a continuing effort to keep industry informed of the Army’s long-range technology development objectives and contractual opportunities,” a prepared release said. “These briefings will be of particular interest to industrial executives who are concerned with the formulation of corporate long-range objectives. The theme of this year’s conference is ‘Rapid Reaction to Battlefield Requirements Today & Tomorrow.’” You can register online at <http://apbi.redstone.army.mil>; mail or fax

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your registration to APBI, c/o HDC, LLC, 120 Holmes Avenue, Suite 304A, Huntsville, AL 35801, fax 519-6667. Foreign nationals wishing to attend the briefing must submit requests through their embassies to Headquarters, Department of the Army. Upon approval of the visit request, a registration package will be accepted. For more information call Laurretta Mitchell, technical industrial liaison officer, Research Development and Engineering Center, 876-4270.

Test and evaluation

"Test Week 2004," Aug. 30 to Sept. 2 at South Hall, Von Braun Center, represents a partnership between the Army Test & Evaluation Days Conference and the International Test and Evaluation Association annual International Symposium. Keynote speakers, workshops and panels of experts will address the future of armed forces, systems engineering processes, automotive and aerospace activities, and international T&E. An exhibition featuring more than 90 industry, government and academia organizations demonstrating products and capabilities will be held in conjunction with the technical program of the conference. Web sites for information are www.itea.org or www.testevaldays.com. For more information, call Sherry Hilley 842-6715.

Miscellaneous

Reserve unit openings

A local Army Reserve detachment doing weekend drills on Redstone Arsenal has openings for computer specialists. The unit seeks prior active duty Soldiers or transfers from other Reserve/National Guard units with a specialty of 25B/74B information systems operators and 75B/H unit administration. For 74B, the unit will consider reclassification action to 25B if you can document with resume your Civilian Acquired Skills to include your education/experience in the following computer skills: data base management, programming, networking and telecommunications. Minimum of a secret clearance is required. And you must possess the personal qualifications to pass a SBI background investigation process to obtain a top secret clearance soon. Specialties 74C and 74F are now authorized to convert to 74B as well. For specialty 74C or 74F, they are now authorized to convert to 75B as well. For an interview, call Charles Vartan 876-0604 (work) or 883-8891 (home).

Civilian deployment

Civilian employees are needed to support Aviation and Missile Command missions overseas. Deployment opportunities exist

in Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Skill sets needed include acquisition, maintenance, supply, quality assurance, engineers, operations officers, logistics and automation, among others. Volunteers must be currently employed by AMCOM. Contractors cannot be considered to fill these positions. Civilians interested in deploying should notify their supervisor and call Eddie Allen 876-4106 or Carl Washington 876-2082. Contractors and other interested people can access www.cpol.army.mil for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

Surplus sales

Marshall Space Flight Center's surplus property can be purchased through the General Services Administration sales web site. To bid on this property, go to www.gsaauctions.gov. For more information, call 544-4667.

Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping Tuesday 9-5 and Wednesday and Thursday 9-4. Walk-in consignment hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 9-12:30. Appointments are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 12:30-2. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. The shop accepts handmade craft items for consignment. It can recycle all your inkjet, fax, printer, copier and laser jet cartridges. Volunteers are sought for the afternoons. For more information, call 881-6992.

Redstone motorcycle training

Experienced Riders Motorcycle Training is conducted at the Rocket Harley-Davidson Dealership off I-565 and Greenbrier Road. Soldiers, DoD civilians and military retirees are funded by the government. Contractors pay \$75 per person. For registration information, call Keith Coates 876-3383 or John Zuber 876-3114 of the Garrison Safety Office.

Butler High reunion

Butler High School Class of 1969 will hold its 35th reunion Saturday at the Clay House Museum, 16 Main St., Madison. Class members are urged to call Glenda Swafford Anderson 837-9789 or Robin Hall Brewer (256) 325-1018.

Train in concert

The 2004 Miller Lite Army Concert Tour, featuring Train and special guest Graham Colton, is coming to Redstone Arsenal on Saturday. General admission advance tickets are on sale for \$15, compared to \$20 on the day of show. If you can access Redstone Arsenal, buy your tickets at Sparkman Cafeteria, Redstone Lodging, the Post Exchange cashier's window, the Officers and Civilians Club or at the ITR

office in building 3711 at the corner of Patton and Aerobee Roads. Tickets are also available at all Ticketmaster outlets (Publix stores in North Alabama) and at www.ticketmaster.com. Call 800-277-1700 for tickets or 876-5232 for more information.

Aviation group scholarships

Army Aviation Association of America offers scholarships for entering freshmen which range from \$1,000 to \$10,000 grants given out as one, two or four year scholarships. Interest-free loans of up to \$4,000 (\$1,000 a year) for entering freshmen are available. Scholarships are also reserved for enlisted, company grade, warrant officer, Army civilian, and spouses of AAAA members. Call the AAAA National Office (203) 268-2450 or e-mail aaaa@quad-a.org for an application. Local points of contact for the Tennessee Valley Chapter are vice president for scholarships Tom Harrison (256) 964-8460, ext. 103, and vice president for membership Jim Pepper 922-1211.

Youth reading program

Child and Youth Services sponsors "Heating it Up With Books at Redstone," a summer reading program through July 31. Children of active duty, retired, and Guard/Reserve military, DoD and Redstone/NASA contractors may participate. Trophies and medallions are awarded to those who read 1,000 pages or more. For information visit www.redstonemwr.com or call Pam Berry 955-6309.

Father of Year gala

The Volunteer Center wants you to add a special event to your community calendar. The Father of the Year Gala will be at the Huntsville Museum of Art, June 25 from 7 p.m. until midnight. The evening includes food, drink, dancing, a silent auction and the announcement of the Madison County Father of the Year. Entertainment will be provided by The Blue Savoy Combo. Admission is \$35 per person, \$60 per couple and \$250 for a table of eight. Call the Volunteer Center 539-7797 to reserve your seat via Visa or Mastercard. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Volunteer Center.

Missile defense scholarship

The Army Space and Missile Defense Association will select one graduate student and one undergraduate student to receive a \$1,000 scholarship in August. For more information call Robert Belton 971-1800, ext. 257.

Supreme Court ceremony

North Alabama Chapter, Federal Bar Association will hold a U.S. Supreme Court Admissions Ceremony, administered by retired Maj. Gen. William Suter, clerk of the Supreme Court, today at 11:30 at the Huntsville Marriott, 5 Tranquility Base. Cost for lunch is \$25. For reservations call Laura Owens 842-0544 or Juanita Sales Lee 955-4521 today.

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